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- Between 8 a.m. and 1:15 p.m. on 25 February 1953, 24 MiG-15s, 2 single-engine planes with radial engines and 1 biplane were observed at Parndorf (F 48/X 77) airfield. There was a 3/10 overcast, a north-northwesterly wind of about 10 km/h and a ceiling at an altitude of about 2,000 meters. Four MiG-15s with auxiliary fuel tanks practiced flying in elements of two. The distance and interval between the individual planes was about one wing span. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

<u>Take-Off</u>	<u>Landing</u>	<u>Aircraft</u>
8:56 a.m.	9:25 a.m.	2 MiG-15s
9:03 "	9:35 "	2 "
9:40 "	10:08 "	2 "
9:45 "	10:15 "	2 "
10:25 "	10:57 "	2 "
10:35 "	11:04 "	2 "
11:30 "	12:00 "	2 "
11:40 "	12:09 p.m.	2 "
12:45 p.m.		2 "
12:55 "		

The aircraft which took off at 12:45 and 12:55 p.m., circled once over the field, then flew over the field and fired from aircraft cannons at a target apparently on the eastern edge of the field. They dived down from an altitude of about 800 meters to about 200 meters at an angle of about 50 degrees. Muzzle flashes and spattered earth were observed.

- An antenna rod with a cone-shaped bracing, 1 PKV-45 DF station and 1 radar set were observed on the northwestern edge of the field. The long-wire antenna previously located between two temporary buildings was moved further to the west. Twenty to 25 telephone lines strung on poles extended to a low wooden building in the southwestern corner of the field.

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3. A third motor vehicle shed with a rear wall which was erected at the motor vehicle parking site. The three garages had an estimated total capacity of 30 motor vehicles.

Six AA guns with flash hiders were observed in the AA gun emplacements. Near the low wooden building on the western edge of the field, there was a parachute which was inflated by the wind. A mobile flight control station with a red flag on a red-white-red mast was parked northwest of the flight control station, two objects, probably aircraft crates, were south of this building and eight trucks were west of the crates.

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4. Near the fuel dump, there were 12 containers, each about 3 meters long and 2 meters in diameter, and 4 containers, each about 2.5 meters long and 1.5 meter in diameter. Tank trucks were being refilled there during air activity. About noon, three men with red-bordered black epaulets, who carried bread and food containers, went along the railroad embankment toward the east. At 12:15 p.m., trucks left the field and proceeded toward Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77). During the intervals in air activity, the runway strip was rolled by rollers towed by prime movers.

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5. Between 8 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. on 26 February, the airfield was occupied by 20 MiG-15s, 2 single-engine planes with radial engine and two-bladed propeller, and 1 biplane. There was fair weather, visibility of about 15 km and an easterly wind of 8 to 10 km/h. The following three types of air activity were observed:

- a. MiG-15s took off individually or in elements of two. The planes circled once over the field, then approached from the southwest, dived down from an altitude of about 800 meters to about 200 meters at an angle of 40 to 60 degrees, and at a slow cyclic rate fired 1 to 9 rounds in the northwestern corner of the field. Usually five rounds were fired. If the planes did not fire they did not come down so deep. Muzzle flashes were distinctly observed at the front end of the nose compartment.

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the aircraft weapons sometimes did not work or there were duds among the ammunition.

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- b. Formation flights. Two elements of two MiG-15s took off at intervals of 20 seconds. After about 1 minute, another two elements took off. The planes flew in echelon formation to the right, at an interval of about one wing span and a distance of half an aircraft length between the individual planes. When coming in for landing, the formation flew over the field in southwest-northwest direction, broke up, i.e. the left plane turned to the north and west and then the other planes followed flying larger curves. The planes landed at intervals of about 30 seconds.

- c. Individual flights. The planes circled over the field for about 5 minutes. The following take-offs and landings were observed:

Take-Off	Landing	Crew	Auxiliary Fuel Tank	Activity
8:20 a.m.	8:26 a.m.	1-man	no	
8:32 "	8:50 "	1-man	yes	Firing 1st dive: 3 rounds 2d dive : 7 " 3d dive : no " 4th dive: 7 "

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8:53 " to
9:06 "

several MiG-15s

9:12 a.m. 2-man no

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	9:32 a.m.	1-man	no	[REDACTED]	Firing; no details observed
	9:38 "	1-man	yes		Firing: Four dives
9:46 a.m.	9:51 "		yes		
10:10 "		1-man	yes		Firing; no details observed
10:11 "		1-man	yes		Firing
10:33 "	11:06 "	1-man	yes		
	11:07 "	1-man	yes		Firing
11:50 "	12:13 p.m.	1-man	yes		
	12:14 "	1-man	yes		Firing

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Individual MiG-15s had a horizontal red stripe on the upper end of their elevators assemblies. The auxiliary tanks were about 40 cm in diameter. While landing, the split flaps were extended and the brakes fitted at the side of the fuselage tail were used only occasionally.

6. Northwest of the field there were 1 antenna mast with a cone-shaped bracing, 1 PKV-45 DF station and 1 radar set. Three planes with vapor trails flew at very high altitudes. One of the planes flew straight ahead, while the other two flew curved lines from the right and left. During this observation, the radar set, apparently directed at these planes, was in operation. No other planes were aloft at that time.

7. [REDACTED] at the fuel dump 4 containers, each about 2.5 meters long and 1.5 meter in diameter and 12 containers, each about 3 meters long and 2 meters in diameter. Repair work was being done on the roads and billeting buildings. Drilling for water was under way. A total of 8 van-like trucks, about 30 trucks, about 15 tank trucks and 4 prime movers were observed.

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[REDACTED] At 12:25 p.m., a jeep and three trucks, occupied by about 40 men wearing black-bordered blue epaulets, left the field and proceeded toward Bruck/Leitha (P 49/X 77). Two trucks [REDACTED] were driven by soldiers who wore black-bordered blue epaulets.

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Comment. [REDACTED] Parndorf airfield is still occupied by a fighter regiment. The reported air-to-ground firing is within the framework of standard training which, since recently, has been also conducted by small formations. [REDACTED]

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